

Illustrative questions to direct to departments and others:

Related to organization of work supporting development of the Delta Vision strategic plan:

1. To which of the work groups or joint fact-finding efforts proposed in the work plan should you contribute personnel with expertise and/or information?
2. What additional or different work groups, work shops, joint fact-finding or focused intervention groups would you propose? What would be the charge to this group? What work products should be expected? When? Who should be invited to participate?

General:

3. How do your department's activities contribute to achieving the primary recommendation of the adopted vision: the co-equal values of sustaining both Delta ecosystem and water reliability functions, recognizing the California Delta as a unique and valued area warranting special legal status (Task Force Recommendations #1 and 2)?

Specific follow up questions:

- a. *How does the department of XXX currently address this primary recommendation?*
 - b. *What authority (statutes, court decisions or other) informs decisions related to these activities?*
 - c. *What resources (budget, personnel) does the department of XXX deploy in each of these areas?*
 - d. *What information is needed to make better decisions?*
 - e. *To what extent is your statutory authority limiting on this issue?*
 - f. *What institutional capacity and/or policies are needed to make better decisions and achieve better outcomes regarding this primary recommendation?*
4. How do your department's activities contribute to achieving the remaining ten recommendations in the adopted vision?

Agency specific:

SWRCB (question 10 is joint with DWR):

5. Given existing water rights and pending or other anticipated applications for water rights, what do you project to be flows into the Delta at location xx on the Sacramento River, location yy on the San Joaquin River and all other Delta inflows for "wet," "average," and "dry" years in each decade through 2100?
6. What is the level of compliance with existing statutes under which the SWRCB and regional boards operate in the following areas? (a) obtaining rights for water diver-

sion, (b) complying with conditions of the rights (amount, timing, place of diversion, place of use, and purpose of use), (c) water quality

DWR:

7. Water resources in California are developed (captured, stored, conveyed and treated) by many different entities (local districts, the federal government, the state). What are the advantages and disadvantages of such a system? In particular, how does integration of policy occur?
8. If charged with achieving 20 percent additional efficiencies in water use in California by 2030, what would the Department do?
9. If a major seismic event occurred in the second quarter of 2008 and most levees in the western and central Delta collapsed, what would be the effects on water supply? What is the distribution of those effects, geographically and by sector of the California economy? What responses are expected? How much time and money would be required to return to pre event operations? To 50 percent of the level of reliable water supply?
10. How are relationships among surface water and ground water managed? In your response include consideration of both adjudicated and non-adjudicated ground water basins, conjunctive use, water transfers and other factors of importance. What could be done to manage these relationships more effectively? (joint question with SWRCB)

DFG:

11. What institutional and/or policy weaknesses have contributed to listing of Delta species under the California Endangered Species Act? How might those weaknesses be addressed?
12. Assessing experience, what is the effectiveness of these approaches in protecting the Delta ecosystem? In your analysis, please provide descriptive information about each activity.
 - Project mitigation
 - Environmental water account
 - Habitat restoration
 - County habitat conservation programs
 - Species recovery plans
 - ????

DPC:

13. Are the boundaries of the primary and secondary zone appropriate for the goals of the Delta Protection Act?